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1. APRIL 13 LA PAZ PRESS PROMINENTLY CARRIED REACTIONS OF PRESIDENT BANZER AND OF CONEPLAN TO SECRETARY SCHULTZ' STATEMENT TO THE OAS THAT THE U. S. WOULD SELL ITS STRATEGIC STOCKPILE. PRESIDENT BANZER TOLD THE PRESS THAT " AS TIN IS A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF THE BOLIVIAN ECONOMY", BOLIVIA HAS NOT ONLY MADE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES BUT ALSO THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH BOLIVIA PARTICIPATES. THE PRESIDENT ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTOOD BOLIVIA' S POSITION AND ATTITUDE. HE CONCLUDED THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANYTHING OFFICIAL ON THE PROPOSED SALE, AND THAT HE HOPED THAT " THESE MEASURES (SALES) WOULD BE SUSPENDED".

2. CONEPLAN, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PLANNING, IN A DECLARATION GIVEN TO THE PRESS STATED " ITS ENERGETIC PROTEST TO THE GOVERN-
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MENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS PENDING SALES OF TIN IN THE
INTERNATIONAL MARKET AT SUCH A CRITICAL MOMENT AS THIS FOR THE
NATIONAL ECONOMY". CONPELAN ALSO DECLARED ITS OPPOSITION " TO THE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF A PROGRAM OF SALES WITHOUT CONSULTATIONS WITH
BOLIVIA
WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PROVOKE A FALL IN THE WORLD PRICE OF TIN
AND OTHER MINERALS". FINALLY, CONEPLAN NOTED THAT THE
PROCEDURES FOR CONSULTATION ESTABLISHED FOR SUCH CASES WERE NOT
USED, TO THE DETRIMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.
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